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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE: MAN ACCUSED OF CREATING 'SCHOOL SHOOTER' SIGNS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

WARNER, New Hampshire – This afternoon, at approximately 4:05 p.m., New Hampshire State Police troopers arrested the suspect accused of placing multiple signs in three communities, including some that stated “school shooter.”

The suspect, identified as 61-year-old Guy Hanson, of Pittsfield, was taken into custody without incident on Interstate 89 South in Warner on a felony charge of falsifying physical evidence and three misdemeanors, including: False Report to Law Enforcement, False Public Alarm and Criminal Threatening. Bail information and a booking photo are not yet available.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that Hanson allegedly placed multiple signs, including some that stated “School Shooter,” in various locations within the communities of Barnstead, Epsom and Pittsfield. A joint investigation was launched with local, state and federal partners and members of law enforcement were immediately dispatched to all schools within the three communities. Multiple schools initiated lockdowns as a precaution shortly after.

As a result of the investigation, it has been determined there is no credible threat to the communities or schools where the signs were located.

No other suspects have been charged at this time. However, anyone with information about this case is urged to contact State Police Detective Sgt. Kempes Corbally at Kempes.R.Corbally@DOS.NH.GOV.

New Hampshire State Police are thankful for the assistance of multiple agencies, including the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office, the Belknap County Attorney’s Office, the Merrimack County Attorney’s Office, the Belknap County Sheriff’s Office, Barnstead Police, Pittsfield Police, Epsom Police, Bow Police, the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

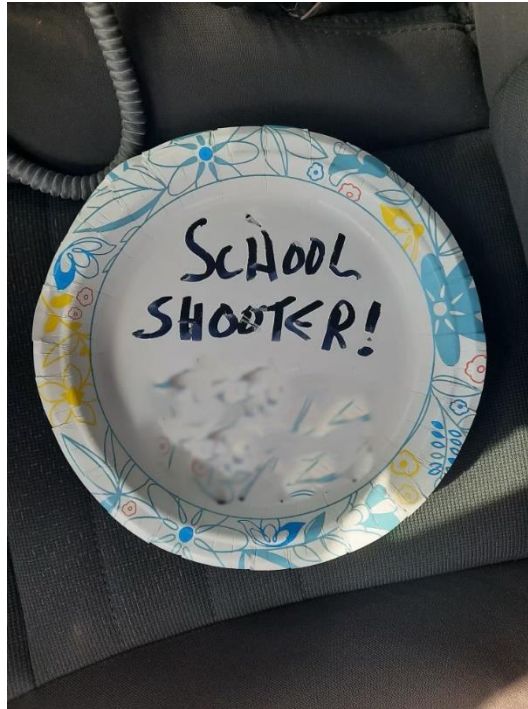


Photo description: A paper plate, with the writing 'School Shooter!' on it, was one of the signs discovered and reported to law enforcement Friday. The image has been altered with a blur to protect the integrity of the investigation.

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